

Application No. 09/579,294  
Second Response

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engaging projections<sup>17P</sup> provided on a carbon<sup>17</sup> which was previously burnt/  
at a high temperature, said engaging projections being engaged with engaging holes<sup>15H</sup> provided  
in said segments<sup>15</sup> and integrally formed as one unit,

wherein tip ends of cut-rising pieces<sup>21</sup> functioning to allow insertion of  
said engaging projections<sup>17P</sup> into said engaging holes<sup>15H</sup>, but operative to prevent said engaging  
projections<sup>17P</sup> from being pulled out from said engaging holes<sup>15H</sup>, are projected from peripheral  
edges of said engaging holes<sup>15H</sup>, and

said cut-rising pieces<sup>21</sup> are brought into contact under pressure with  
peripheral faces of said engaging projections<sup>17P</sup>.